



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

### Selection board to convene this fall

The command sergeant major and sergeant major selection board convenes Oct. 1.

Those considered for promotion are:

- ❖ All master sergeants (promotable) and up with a basic Army service date of Oct. 1, 1977 or later; and
- ❖ All master sergeants or first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30 or earlier and a basic Army service date of Oct. 1, 1977 or later.

For more information, visit Detachment D, 101st Soldier Support Battalion, in Motel 6, or call 303-640-0381.

### Priest slain in Colombian conflict

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — A Catholic priest who was critical of leftist rebels was gunned down in front of a church where he had just performed mass, becoming the latest religious leader killed in Colombia's escalating civil war.

## New U.S. Army uniform regulation goes online

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
*Army News Service*

**WASHINGTON** — The most current uniform policy regulation went online June 25, and clarification of the Army's tattoo policy is only one of two dozen changes or updates that will take effect Aug. 1.

The one change people won't see in the regulation is males having the authority to carry umbrellas. The Army is not ready for that change, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer for the Army's G-1.

### ❖ Tattoos

Last December, the Army announced that changes were being staffed, and the tattoo policy is one that underwent the most modifications.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Pearce

## Horsing around

**Staff Sgt. Todd W. Puckett, from the airfields section of the 200th/201st Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron, cuts conduit for future airfield taxiway lighting at a forward-deployed location. Currently, seven Red Horse squadrons are providing heavy construction work supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.**

## Grecian Firebolt tests Homeland Security

By Chris Walz  
*Army News Service*

**FORT MEADE, Md.** — This year's annual Grecian Firebolt exercise tested a worldwide communications network that could be used for Homeland Security.

"We are basically AT&T for the Army, with a lot of encryption," said node switcher, Pvt. Leland Hughes, a member of the 280th Signal Battalion from Wilmington, Del. "We want to make sure this system can talk to that system hundreds of miles away."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency joined the month-long exercise that ends this week as part of the Homeland Security scenario, and so did the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

FEMA directors said they like the Army's signal reliability and the versatility of using several communication paths. They also like any path increasing their speed of contacting the Department of Defense.

"We want to stay in a readiness posture, especially after 9-11," said

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“Under the old regulation, it stated that tattoos were prohibited on the face, neck and head. ... Now, it states that tattoos are not to be visible in the Class A uniform with trousers. So there is a common standard for both males and females,” Messman said.

Soldiers who currently have tattoos on their hands will be “grand-fathered” and allowed to keep them, Messman said, as long as the tattoos are inoffensive.

Offensive tattoos anywhere on the body are prohibited, but tattoos that are not offensive need to be documented in a written report at the discretion of the commander. To eliminate subjective opinions from one command to the next, the soldier will present the written documentation at his new assignment, Messman said.

### ❖ **Berets**

The beret, which is a new clothing item, is addressed in the updated regulation. When soldiers are not wearing the beret outside, they should be carrying it, Messman said.

Soldiers should not attach headgear to the uniform, hang it from their belt or put it in a uniform pocket. This headgear policy has always been in effect, Messman explained.

“The regulation has to change with time,” Messman said. “If not we’d still be wearing uniforms from the Civil War.”

All soldiers are exempt from wearing headgear to evening social events (after retreat). The Army flash is the only one authorized on the black beret, unless authorization for distinctive flashes was granted (i.e.,

OPFOR) before June 14, 2001.

### ❖ **Phones & pagers**

A new policy regarding cell phones and pagers is one addition to the regulation that was generated by technology, Messman said.

Under the regulation, only one electronic device will be authorized for wear on the uniform in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager — not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4 by 2 by 1 inches. Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, bag or in some other carrying container.

Messman is the principal adviser for changes to the uniform policy, but she said the changes that were made came from recommendations.

“We depend a lot on leadership in the field,” Messman said. “They know the young soldiers of today. I get their input on when it’s time to allow something that wasn’t allowed before, or when something starts becoming a distraction and needs to be addressed.”

### ❖ **Grooming**

The policy change authorizing braids and cornrows is an example of items that were once seen as inappropriate in the workplace, but now considered conservative and business-like, Messman said. And the policy clarification that prohibits two-toned manicured nails is an example of a growing trend that has no place in the work area, she added.

People usually have the hardest time accepting the grooming policies, Messman said. “We don’t want to rob people of their individuality,” Messman said. “But the Army has never professed to be a leader in fashion. Our goal is to create a conservative, professional image and some of the more trendy styles will not accomplish that goal.”

Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red and neon colors.

“If soldiers use dyes, tints or bleaches, they must choose those that result in natural hair colors,” Messman said.

Women are authorized to wear braids and cornrows; baldness is authorized for males, either natural or shaved.

Males are not authorized to wear nail polish and they must keep nails trimmed to the tip of the finger. Females must keep nails trimmed no longer than 1/4 inch, as measured from the fingertip. Two-tone or multi-tone manicures and nail designs are prohibited. Prohibited nail polish colors include bright fire-engine red, khaki or camouflage, purple, gold, blue, black, white and neon colors.

Tinted or colored contacts, and contacts that change the shape of the iris are prohibited, as they are not medically required. The only tinted contacts authorized are opaque lenses (when prescribed for eye injuries) and clear corrective vision lenses.

### ❖ **Camelbacks**

Commanders may authorize the use of a camouflage

hydration system (commonly called “camelbacks”) for field duty or on work details. Soldiers will not use these devices in a garrison environment, unless directed by the commander.

### ❖ **DCUs**

Sew-on insignia is now authorized for the desert BDUs. Soldiers may wear the same insignia and awards as are worn on the woodland camouflage battle dress uniform.

### ❖ **Pregnant soldiers**

Soldiers who are pregnant should wear the PT uniform until the uniform becomes too small or too uncomfortable. At that time, pregnant soldiers may wear civilian equivalent workout attire. Leaders will not require soldiers to purchase larger PT uniforms to accommodate the pregnancy.

### ❖ **Miscellaneous**

Wear of the RDI on the AG 415 class B shirt is optional.

The category of the EOD Badge is changed from group 5 to group 3.

A wear-out date for the female officer black mess uniform is Sept. 30, 2003.

The updated policy can be found on the following Web site [www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r670\\_1.pdf](http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r670_1.pdf).

Messman said regardless of what media sources put out, soldiers should first seek clarification from AR 670-1, and focus on what the regulation states now, and what will go into affect in August, she added. In order to keep up with the pace of changing times the regulation is periodically reviewed.

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Ozzie Baldwin, the telecommunications manager at the Texas Mobile Emergency Response Support office. "Now we know that we have several ways of communicating. It's reassuring to know we can contact the (DoD) should a crisis or emergency situation come up."

U.S. Joint Forces Command was involved in the exercise to observe the interoperability between Army and Air

Force communications assets. The command is evaluating the infrastructure for a Homeland Security defense communications template.

"Everybody is pushing for joint efforts and joint communications," said Maj. Anthony Britton, from the Joint Forces Command. "There's not much in the military anymore that's just Army-or Air Force-specific."

"Single-service missions are a thing of the past," agreed the

commander of the 311th Theater Signal Command, Maj. Gen. George Bowman. "We are looking wider and broader and helping one another in order to keep America's freedoms."

The exercise, which began June 1 and concludes this week, costs approximately \$1.2 million dollars budgeted annually by reserve-component units participating in it.

"In the past, the Army couldn't communicate with the Air Force or the Navy, and

vice versa," said Bowman. "We're not completely there yet. That's why we have these exercises - to see what we need to do to make it all work."

Another purpose of the exercise is to give Reserve-component signal troops valuable time with the equipment.

"We need to know what to do in a wartime situation," said satellite operator Senior Airman Paul Rolla. "Satellite time is limited, so we need to take advantage of the time

we have with the equipment."

Troops at Fort Meade did experience minor technical difficulties over the month-long Grecian Firebolt exercise, most stemming from the sweltering heat and equipment age, Hughes said.

"We had some minor problems, but that's the purpose of these training exercises. We need to learn how to fix these problems," Hughes said. "I've learned more in this exercise than I have in the past five years."

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<b><u>Bagram:</u></b>	Showers	Showers
	H: 99F L: 66F	H: 97F L: 68F
<b><u>Kandahar:</u></b>	Haze	Haze
	H: 108F L: 70F	H: 109F L: 72F
<b><u>Kabul:</u></b>	Showers	Showers
	H: 93F L: 66F	H: 91F L: 68F
<b><u>Uzbekistan:</u></b>	Cloudy	Clear
	H: 96F L: 48F	H: 95 L: 46

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

### Brazil wins fifth World Cup championship

Ronaldo scored twice in the second half Sunday as Brazil won the 2002 World Cup with a 2-0 victory over Germany. Brazil, the only country to appear in all 17 World Cups, improved on the record haul by winning its fifth crown, adding to its successes in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994.

Assuring his place in Brazilian soccer history, Ronaldo matched the mark of the legendary Pele by collecting his 12th career World Cup goal.

*(Information taken from sports.yahoo.com)*

### NL, AL team selected for 2002 All-Star game

Joe Torre and Bob Brenly each took six players from their respective teams as both squads were announced for the July 9 game in Milwaukee.

The AL and NL starting lineups:

C - Jorge Posada, N.Y. Yankees, C - Mike Piazza, N.Y. Mets  
1B - Jason Giambi, N.Y. Yankees, 1B - Todd Helton, Col.  
2B - Alfonso Soriano, N.Y. Yankees, 2B - Jose Vidro, Montreal  
3B - Shea Hillenbrand, Boston, 3B - Scott Rolen, Phil.  
SS - Alex Rodriguez, Texas, SS - Jimmy Rollins, Phil.  
OF - Manny Ramirez, Boston, OF - Barry Bonds, S.Fran  
OF - Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle, OF - Sammy Sosa, Chicago  
OF - Torii Hunter, Minnesota, OF - Vladimir Guerrero, Mont.

Pitchers selected by managers include:

AL- Roy Halladay, Toronto; Derek Lowe, Boston; Pedro Martinez, Boston; Mark Buehrle, Chicago; Barry Zito, Oakland; Freddy Garcia, Seattle; Eddie Guardado, Minnesota; Kazuhiro Sasaki, Seattle; Mariano Rivera, NY Yankees

## July 4th 5K run

Iron Rakkasan will host an Independence Day 5k Run at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The entry fee is \$10, which includes a T-shirt.

To sign up, visit the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment S-4 shop; any 3rd Bn., 187th Infantry Company headquarters in Viper City; the mayor's office in Motel 6; or at the SSA.

For more information, call Capt. Christian Teutsch at 640-1116.

## July 4th festivities at Bagram Air Base

- ❖ 0430Z — 3-on-3 basketball tourney at the Combat Area Support Hospital or 129th Facility
- ❖ 0530Z — Soccer challenge at Dragon City
- ❖ 0730Z — Brunch BBQ at Viper City Dining Facility
- ❖ 0830Z — Horseshoe tourney at Viper City
- ❖ 0930Z — Volleyball tourney at the Polish compound
- ❖ 1400Z — Tournament winners awards presentation at the Joint Operations Center pavilion
- ❖ 1420Z — Mass re-enlistment at the Joint Operations Center flag pole
- ❖ 1430Z — Back yard patio BBQ for U.S. and coalition commanders and command sergeants major
- ❖ 1500Z — Evening festivities will include music, lights, appetizers and cold beverages at the cement pad in front of Motel 8.

For more information, call 640-8137.

## 2002 World Cup second round schedule

Germany 1-0 Paraguay  
England 3-0 Denmark  
Senegal 2-1, OT, Sweden  
Spain 1-1 Ireland (Spain advances 3-2 PKs)  
United States 2-0 Mexico  
Brazil 2-0 Belgium  
Turkey 1-0 Japan  
South Korea 2-1, OT, Italy

## World Cup quarterfinals

Germany 1-0 United States  
Brazil 1-0 England  
Turkey 1-0, OT, Senegal  
South Korea 0-0 Spain (S. Korea wins 5-3 in PKs)

## World Cup semifinals

Germany 1-0 South Korea  
Brazil 1-0 Turkey

## World Cup Final @ Yokohama, Japan

Brazil 2-0 Germany